

MORE CHARGES AGAINST WOOD

Little Matter of \$8,000 Was
Taken by Someone.

BROOKE AGAIN ON THE STAND
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OLD WARRIOR PRODUCES SOME
DOCUMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—When the senate committee on military affairs today resumed its investigation of charges against Leonard Wood, Dr. C. E. Fisher of Chicago told the story of General Wood's intimacies with Sylvia Bellairs, 1900, he accompanied General Wood to the city. Dr. Fisher had no record. Dr. Fisher said that in 1900, he accompanied General Wood to the city. Dr. Fisher said that in 1900, he accompanied General Wood to the city. Dr. Fisher said that in 1900, he accompanied General Wood to the city.

Testimony Confirmed.

J. O. Lafontise, city editor of the Jacksonville, Fla., Times-Union, corroborated the story of General Wood and Dr. Fisher started on their trip to the Isle of Pines the latter in 1902. Lafontise said that in an article concerning Bellairs, Mr. Lafontise said he took the question under consideration and decided that as the article was a libel against the United States and in case of a libel suit, it would be necessary to summon witnesses from the United States to prove the charges. Lafontise said that when Dr. Fisher returned he was greatly agitated and asked: "You will not publish this article, will you?" When Dr. Fisher learned that the article was not printed he was greatly relieved, and said General Wood did not know of the article. Lafontise's corroboration of Dr. Fisher's testimony, Lafontise told of the manner in which he had learned of Bellairs' character and habits. Lafontise said he had known all about it. He said he learned from persons who went to Havana from Florida that Bellairs had served five years in prison for forgery in 1900 and one year in one and two years in another. The crime of which he had been convicted was forgery on a branch of the Bank of America.

Says Wood Knew It.
Mr. Lafontise said that in May, 1900 a convict from Florida named Johnson came to him and said that he had seen

Bellairs and General Wood together with the races in Havana, and that he recognized the man as Bellairs. He was accustomed to him to keep silent. According to Johnson's story, as told by the witness, Bellairs told him to contact Johnnet Johnson, asking him to remain quiet concerning his criminal record. After the incident, Bellairs told Lafontise. General Wood sent for him and asked him what he knew of Bellairs' record. Mr. Lafontise said he told General Wood that Bellairs was a Cuban, and also what he had learned from other persons from Florida. The General, in 1935, took Bellairs to Mr. Lafontise. General Wood then asked him to see Johnson and ascertain whether he would leave Cuba and come to New York. Bellairs told General Wood New York and money given him. Johnson answered: "Why do I want to leave Cuba to come to New York?" he bawled Bellairs." Mr. Lafontise then turned to General Wood and gave him Johnson's answer. Bellairs then told Johnson that later Bellairs and Gen. Wood went to New York.

General Brooke Recalled.
When Gen. Brooke was before the committee two weeks ago he referred to two orders, one issued by the war

department and the other by himself to investigate the charges. The investigation was unable at that time to furnish any information. He went on the stand today to present the orders and undergo an examination concerning them. The order issued by the war department directed that a report be made in the presence of the Cuban consul in Havana. The report should be sent to the military auditor at Havana. The charge was made that the order had been issued by direction of Gen. Brooke for the purpose of settling hold of the funds collected in Santiago, and to deprive the province of the proceeds of the newspapers at Santiago were particularly bitter. Gen. Brooke told the military affairs committee that the order was issued at a time when he was

in bed, and that he had no previous knowledge of the contents of the order filed with the committee. It was one that witness issued after his recovery. It directed Gen. Wood to charge of the province of Santiago not to make expenditures for public purposes in excess of \$10,000 a month. Gen. Brooke was then in charge to the military governor. Gen. Brooke said today that Gen. Wood had ignored that order, and gone on spending public money without authority from the military governor. Gen. Brooke was first in command of the province of Santiago. He had received the revenues from Santiago for expenses elsewhere. He answered that Santiago had received all its own revenues a more than \$200,000 additional.

Accused of Embezzlement.

Mr. Morrison, a lawyer of New York, testified that he was interested in the Electrozone company of Havana, a company that his company received contracts from Gen. Wood for disinfecting the city. He said that there is still due his company the sum of \$8,000 on contracts, and that Cuban officials in Havana swear the money was paid. Gen. Wood to discharge the indebtedness of the company, he had

During the hearing today Senator Hanna made a formal request of the committee that Gen. Wood be subpoenaed to come home from the Philippines in order that he may answer the charges against him, and that he may be questioned concerning his actions in Cuba.

SCHOOL CHILDREN
DO FOOLISH THINGS

Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 24.—A locomotive, baggage car and first car of a Rock Island train coming west were thrown off the track this morning.

Three trainmen were badly hurt. The wreck was caused by school children who placed a bolt on the track.

FAILURE IN BOSTON.
Boston, Dec. 14.—Gross & Straus, dealers in ladies' garments and furnishings, failed today. Liabilities \$150,000.

